

- 1. Footwear and, in particular, sports footwear such as, e.g., a ski boot, cross-country ski boot, hiking shoe or the like, which is assembled of several components and includes an upper, a tip or front cap and a heel or rear cap as well as a sole part, characterized in that the tip or front cap and the heel or rear cap (4 and 6, respectively) are each designed as a preformed part and the sole part comprises a wedge (2) having a preformed foot bed, said several components being interconnected, preferably glued.
- 2. Footwear according to claim 1, characterized in that the toe and heel parts (4 and 6, respectively) of the upper (5) are each comprised of a three-dimensional part corresponding to the shape of the last (1) and designed as a plastic molded part.
- 3. Footwear according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that an insole (3) is sewn in in the region of the forefoot.
- 4. Footwear according to claim 3, characterized in that the insole (3) is connected with the front cap (4) by a Strobel seam (9) or by gluing or the like.
- 5. Footwear according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the wedge (2) is equipped with a heel bedding and a longitudinal arch.
- 6. Footwear according to claim 1, characterized in that the wedge (2) is equipped with a heel-forming elevation.
- 7. Footwear according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the front cap (4) is connected with the upper (5), on the one hand, and with the insole (3), on the other hand, each by a stepped gluing connection (7' and 3', respectively).
- 8. Footwear according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the wedge (2) is provided with a lateral shoulder (11) for positioning the upper (5) (Fig. 3).
- 9. Footwear according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it comprises an outsole (10), which is optionally provided with a grating (11) drawn upwards on the lateral sides and preferably embracing the heel portion (6) of the upper (5), and which is connected with the external upper (19) along an internal site of overlap, by a seam (12) or by gluing.

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- 10. Footwear according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that all parts attached to the wedge (2), such as the insole (3) and the rear cap (4), are connected on the side of the last.
- 11. Footwear according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the wedge (2) and the insole (3) are horizontally separated.